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SUBJECT: EMBASSY VE-DAY RELEASE

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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RFE'S NOT USING EXCERPTS FROM PAMPHLET AND NOT MENTIONING PAMPHLET ON RFE. THE TEXT OF THE PAMPHLET WAS TAKEN FROM A READILY AVAILABLE BOOK ABOUT WWII, AND WE IMAGINE THAT ANY NUMBER OF EquALLY GOOD SOURCES ARE AT HAND IF RFE WISHES TO BROADCAST ABOUT THE US WAR EFFORT. AS FOR THE PAMPHLET ITSELF, THE EMBASSY HAD A PROTEST FROM THE MFA ABOUT THE PAMPHLET, WHICH WAS BILLED AS "INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS." OUR BASIC REPLY TO THIS CHARGE IS THAT PAMPHLET WAS NOT PROPAGANDA BUT WAS MERELY A TELLING OF FACTS ABOUT US ROLE IN LIBERATION OF BOHEMIA. IF RFE BRAODCAST EXCERPTS NOW, THIS WOULD LOOK LIKE AN END RUN OF THE GOC'S REQUEST THAT WE DESIST FROM CIRCULATING PAMPHLET, AND WOULD WEAKEN OUR ARGUMENT ABOUT OUR INTENTION IN PRODUCING THE PAMPHLET ORIGINALLY. WE APPRECIATE RFE CONSULTING US IN THIS MATTER PRIOR TO ACTING.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT. THIS IS IN REPLY TO RFE'S PROPOSAL TO USE EXCERPTS FROM PAMPHLET IN BROADCASTS.

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